OPINION 857

PODALONIA FERNALD, 1927 (INSECTA, HYMENOPTERA): VALIDATION AND DESIGNATION OF A TYPE-SPECIES UNDER THE PLENARY POWERS

RULING.—(1) Under the plenary powers:

(a) the generic name *Podalonia* Spinola, 1853, and all other uses of that generic name before that by Fernald, 1927, are hereby suppressed for the purposes of both the Law of Priority and the Law of Homonymy;

(b) the nominal species *Ammophila violaceipennis* Lepeletier, 1845, is hereby designated as type-species of *Podalonia* Fernald, 1927.

(2) The generic name *Podalonia* Fernald, 1927 (gender: feminine), type-species, by designation under the plenary powers in (1) (b) above, *Ammophila violaceipennis* Lepeletier, 1845, is hereby placed on the Official List of Generic Names in Zoology with the Name Number 1797.

(3) The specific name *violaceipennis* Lepeletier, 1845, as published in the binomen *Ammophila violaceipennis* (type-species of *Podalonia* Fernald, 1927) is hereby placed on the Official List of Specific Names in Zoology with the Name Number 2246.

(4) The generic name *Podalonia* Spinola, 1853 (as suppressed under the plenary powers in (1) (a) above) is hereby placed on the Official Index of Rejected and Invalid Generic Names in Zoology with the Name Number 1922.

HISTORY OF THE CASE (Z.N.(S.) 1735)

The present case was submitted to the office of the Commission by Dr. A. S. Menke, Dr. R. M. Bohart and Dr. J. van der Vecht in January 1966. The application was sent to the printer on 7 February 1966 and was published on 29 April 1966 in *Bull. zool. Nomencl.* **23** : 48–51. Public Notice of the possible use of the plenary powers was given in the same part of the *Bulletin* as well as to the other prescribed serial publications (Constitution Art. 12b; *Bull. zool. Nomencl.* **21** : 184) and to seven entomological serials. No comment was received.

DECISION OF THE COMMISSION

On 2 January 1968 the Members of the Commission were invited to vote under the Three-Month Rule on Voting Paper (67)59 either for or against the proposal set out in *Bull. zool. Nomencl.* **23** : 51. At the close of the prescribed voting period on 2 April 1968 the state of the voting was as follows:

Affirmative votes—nineteen (19), received in the following order: Mayr, China, Holthuis, Boschma, Vokes, do Amaral, Binder, Bonnet, Obruchev, Jaczewski, Lemche, Simpson, Munroe, Uchida, Tortonese, Ride, Alvarado, Kraus, Forest.

Negative votes—two (2): Sabrosky, Brinck.

Voting Paper not returned—one (1): Evans.

Commissioner Mertens returned a late affirmative vote.

The following comments were made by Commissioners in returning negative votes:

Dr. C. W. Sabrosky (19.ii.68): " I do not object to the main purpose, the conservation of *Podalonia* in its traditional meaning, but I dislike invoking a bibliographical anachronism to accomplish the purpose. I would favour retaining Spinola as author and then suspending the rules to designate *violaceipennis* as type-species."

Prof. P. Brinck (27.iii.68): " In Hymenoptera (as in some other insect orders) much work on taxonomy is left. It must involve some changes of names. It would, in my opinion, not be wise to conserve every wrongly used name. In this case a better solution would be to give a new name for the junior homonym *Psammophila* and to suppress *Podalonia* (and perhaps the nomen dubium *bocandei*)."

Original References

The following are the original references for the names placed on Official Lists and Index by the Ruling given in the present Opinion:

Podalonia Fernald, 1927, *Proc. U.S. nat. Mus.* **71** (9) : 1–42

Podalonia Spinola, 1853, *Mem. Reale Accad. Sci. Torino* (2) **13** : 52–53

violaceipennis, *Ammophila*, Lepeletier, 1845, Roret's Suite à Buffon, *Hyménopt.* **2** : 370

CERTIFICATE

We certify that the votes cast on Voting Paper (67)59 were cast as set out above, that the proposal contained in that Voting Paper has been duly adopted under the plenary powers, and that the decision so taken, being the decision of the International Commission, is truly recorded in the present Opinion No. 857.

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